

REMARKS

Claims 11-20 are pending in the subject application. Claims 1-10 were previously canceled. Claims 11-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 16-20 have been allowed.

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application based on the above amendments and the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH REJECTIONS

The Examiner has rejected claims 11-15 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The Applicants have amended the claims as requested and, therefore, believe that the grounds for rejection are moot.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that, claims 11-15 satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 100, et seq., especially § 112, and are allowable. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

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The Applicants believe that no additional fee is required for consideration of the within Response. However, if for any reason the fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,

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